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Date: Subject:

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Subject:

MB Docket No. 02-277

# Commissioner Adelstein,

Please find attached a copy of the ex parte notice filed in the above-referenced proceeding in connection with your meeting with John Sturm of the Newspaper Association of America and Richard E. Wiley on April 14.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this

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